

# **UTAH LAKE & JORDAN RIVER DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM**

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## **WATER USERS ANNUAL MEETING**

**The Minutes of the Utah Lake and Jordan River Distribution System  
Including the Jordan River and its Tributaries**

The Annual Meeting was held in the Department of Natural Resources Building, Conference Room #2000, 1594 West North Temple, Salt Lake City, Utah, on Tuesday, January 7, 1997. The meeting began at 10:15 a.m. Those present and the Companies they represent are as follows:

Bill Marcovecchio	East Jordan Irrigation Company
LeRoy Withers	South Jordan Canal
Norm Bray	Central Utah Water
Jeff Bryant	Salt Lake County Water Conservancy District
John Newman	Utah and Salt Lake Canal
Anthony Devecchi	North Jordan Canal Company
Jay Wiley	North Jordan Canal Company
Sherwin Allred	Utah Lake Distributing Company

Those members excused are:

Charles W. Wilson	Salt Lake City Corporation
Wayne Ballard	Draper Irrigation Company

Those present without voting powers are:

Lee Sim	Division of Water Rights
Gertrudys Adkins	Division of Water Rights
Ben Anderson	Division of Water Rights
David B. Gardner	Commissioner
Bill Marcovecchio	Acting Chairman

It was determined, by canvass of those present, that there was an adequate, qualified representation to form a legal quorum; therefore, the meeting was considered official.

Mr. Sim introduced himself and the other representatives from the Division of Water Rights to the members present and indicated he would be conducting the meeting. He then asked Mr. Gardner to introduce all members of the water users.

Mr. Sim then indicated the first order of business was the selection of a Chairman and Secretary for the water users. A motion was made by Mr. Allred, seconded by Mr. Withers, that Mr. Marcovecchio be elected as Chairman and Mr. Gardner be elected as Secretary. Voted and passed unanimously.

Mr. Sim then turned the meeting over to Mr. Marcovecchio for the balance of the agenda.

Mr. Marcovecchio then asked Mr. Gardner to read the minutes of the meeting held on January 10, 1996. After the reading of the minutes a motion was made by Mr. Allred, seconded by Mr. Withers, that these minutes be accepted as read. Voted and passed unanimously.

Mr. Marcovecchio then asked Mr. Sim to review the Financial Report as prepared by his Department. Mr. Sim then read the Financial Report. After review of the Financial Report, Mr. Sim then indicated there were two delinquent accounts: Darrell C. Manning (\$52.02) and Galena Ditch Company (\$100.64). A motion was then made by Mr. Withers, seconded by Mr. Devecchi, that the financial statement be accepted as read. Voted and passed unanimously.

Mr. Marcovecchio then indicated the next order of business was the review of the proposed budget for 1997. Mr. Sim then went over the line items of the budget that was expended in 1996 and indicated there was not enough money in the 1996 budget for the retirement portion for the Commissioner and his three Deputies. Therefore a correction was made to properly cover these items in the 1997 budget. A motion was then made by Mr. Allred, seconded by Mr. Withers, to accept the 1997 budget as revised at \$116,745 and assessments to the water users at \$115,000. Voted and passed unanimously. The line item 1997 budget is made a part of this report.

Mr. Marcovecchio then asked Mr. Gardner to read his 1997 Commissioner's Report.

### **COMMISSIONER'S REPORT 1997**

On January 1, 1996, the Utah Lake elevation was a -0.15 feet below compromise and was 3.15 feet higher than January 1, 1995. As this board remembers, we determined that the gates needed to be opened as a goodwill gesture for the land users in Utah County. During the following months, the lake rose to its maximum elevation of +0.62 feet on May 11, 1996, with a discharge at that time of 930 c.f.s. and because of this heavy discharge we were able to run the system by gravity flow. This continued until July 23, 1996. At that time, the pumps were turned on and continued running until October 15 which was our shut down date. The elevation at that time was -1.72 feet below compromise. Again the lake began to rise

and on December 10, 1996, we cracked the gates on the outlet structure to ensure these gates would not freeze in place in case we had a harsh winter. Again on the 13th of December, after our Board of Canal Presidents monthly meeting, it was agreed that the lake gates should be fully opened to alleviate any possible flooding both in Salt Lake Valley and surrounding lands of Utah Lake. I contacted both Salt Lake County Flood Control and Utah County Flood Control alerting them of this action. At the present time these gates are still open and the lake is continuing to rise (-0.45 feet below compromise January 1, 1997). On January 6, 1997, the State Engineer has called a meeting with all of the water users under the Utah Lake and Jordan River drainage area to determine just what problems may arise if we continue to have this extremely high snow pack in our drainage area. As to the 1997 irrigation season, it's pretty obvious that we will have no problem with meeting the demands on Utah Lake.

In the Spring of 1996, the Board of Canal Presidents made a survey of the living conditions of my Deputy Commissioner Greg Lewis at the Utah Lake Pumping Station and found them to be deplorable. He was living in the old Utah Power and Light home that was built in the 1920's with two bedrooms and a bathroom that was about the size of a number three tub. Greg's wife Cindy had just had her <sup>three</sup> ~~fourth~~ child and there was virtually no room and we determined that it would not be a good move to give the baby away. So a contract was let to Kelton Larson, General Contractor, to construct a new residence with all of the amenities necessary to accommodate a family of this size. On August 28, 1996, we demolished the old home and the Lewis family was able to move into their new abode.

A motion was then made by Mr. Newman, seconded by Mr. Withers, that the Commissioner's Report be accepted as read. Voted and passed unanimously.

Mr. Gardner then commented on the storage capacities of the reservoirs upstream from Utah Lake; i.e., Jordanelle Reservoir (40,000 Acre Feet to fill), Deer Creek Reservoir (24,000 Acre Feet to fill), and Provo River discharging approximately 400 c.f.s. into Utah Lake.

Mr. Marcovecchio then indicated that the next order of business was the selection of a Water Commissioner and Deputy Water Commissioners be recommended to the State Engineer for the 1997 appointment. A motion was made by Mr. Newman, seconded by Mr. Devecchi, that Mr. Gardner be appointed as Utah Lake and Jordan River Commissioner for the period from January 1, 1997, through December 31, 1997, to use that portion of his time as is necessary to properly distribute the water of said System and to file with the State Engineer's Office an Annual Report of said Distribution System; also that Mr. Jack B. Rindlisbach, Mr. Perry Smith and Mr. Greg Lewis be recommended as Mr. Gardner's Deputy Commissioners for that same period of time. Voted and passed unanimously.

Mr. Marcovecchio indicated the next order of business was the selection of a Committee to represent this District and transact any business in its behalf. Mr. Marcovecchio also suggested that all members of the District be part of the Committee and by majority rule any business could

be transacted for the District. A motion was made by Mr. Newman, seconded by Mr. Withers, that this procedure be adopted. Voted and passed unanimously.

Mr. Marcovecchio then asked if there were any questions or comments from those members or the representatives of the Division of Water Rights present. Mr. Sim indicated he had received two stock certificates from the Sharon Steel bankruptcy with the certificates being made out to the State Engineer. He wondered what should happen to the stock and/or its monies if the stocks were sold. After some discussion, Mr. Sim was directed to check with a local stock brokerage house as to the value of the stock and dispose of said stock on the open market. The funds derived from said sale is to be placed in the Utah Lake & Jordan River Distribution System account.

Mr. Marcovecchio then turned the meeting back over to Mr. Sim at which time he asked if there were any other business to come before this body. There being none, the meeting was adjourned at 11:15 a.m.

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Bill Marcovecchio, Acting Chairman

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David B. Gardner, Secretary